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THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BEGINS AN EXCITING BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES ON NEO-SLAVE NARRATIVES

*Copies of **KINDRED** are currently available for the group's second meeting*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a series of book discussions on neo-slave narratives, novels written by contemporary African American writers that revisit and revise the “slave narrative” genre and address authors’ concerns not only with history, but also with race and identity in the contemporary America. The discussion of Octavia Butler’s *Kindred* will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, in the Wangenheim Room, on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

In *Kindred*, Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her California home and transported back in time. Though Butler was a celebrated science fiction author, the appeal for this novel reaches far beyond her sci-fi following--because the alien planet, with its capriciously dangerous aliens, oppressed races, and a supra-fevered reality, is the antebellum South.

Camille F. Forbes, Ph.D., an author (*Introducing Bert Williams*, Basic Civitas Books, 2008), performer and professor in the Literature Department at the University of California, San Diego, will facilitate the discussions.

Discussion participants may borrow a copy of *Kindred* (FIC/Butler), as supplies allow, from the Central Library’s Literature and Languages section or reserve a copy online with their San Diego Public Library card and PIN.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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